

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended for the purposes of clarification and consistence. Support for new claims 8-12 is found in original claims 2-6 as well as at pages 2-4 of the present specification.

Restriction Requirement

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121 as follows.

Group I, -- claims 1-6, directed to an attitude adjusting device; and

Group II, -- claim 7, directed to a golf ball manufacturing method which employs the attitude adjusting device of the claims of Group I.

Election

Applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, i.e. claim 7, with traverse. It is noted that new claims 8-12 all depend from elected claim 7.

Reasons for Traversal

It appears that the search and examination for the elected subject matter directed to a golf ball manufacturing method overlaps with the search and examination of golf ball attitude adjusting devices which are employed in golf ball manufacturing methods. Consequently, applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement, since it appears that there is no serious burden placed on the Patent Examiner to examine the subject matter of non-elected Group I (i.e. claim 1-6) in addition to the elected subject matter of Group II (claim 7).

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If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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